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SUBJ: CIVAIR - USER CHARGES

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1. WE CALLED ON ADRIAN BUXTON, HEAD, MARINE AND TRANSPORT DEPT., FCO, SEPT. 10 TO NOTIFY UKG FORMALLY OF U.S. DETERMINATION THAT BRITISH USER CHARGES DISCRIMINATE AGAINST U.S. AIR CARRIERS. WE LEFT WITH BUXTON AN AIDE MEMOIRE SETTING FORTH POINTS MADE IN TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY'S LETTER OF JULY 30 AND STATING THAT "USG SEEKS CONSULTATIONS WITH UK AUTHORITIES AT AN EARLY DATE WITH A VIEW TOWARD SECURING ELIMINATION OF THESE DISCRIMINATORY CHARGES." WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSE.

2. WE ALSO DELIVERED COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE ON SEPT. 12 TO OWEN KEMMIS, ASST. SECRETARY, DEPT. OF TRADE. WE USED OCCASION ALSO TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY THAT CONCORDE PASSENGERS WOULD BE GIVEN PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN PROCESSING THROUGH UK IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS CONTROLS AT HEATHROW. KEMMIS SAID HE KNEW CONCORDE WOULD BE ASSIGNED RAMP NEAREST TERMINAL BUILDING BUT MAINTAINED THIS MERELY EXPEDIENT BECAUSE IT NOT PRACTICAL TO MOVE SPECIAL CONCORDE GROUND HANDLING EQUIPMENT FROM ONE RAMP TO ANOTHER. HE SAID HE UNAWARE OF ANY PLANS BY CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS TO GIVE SPECIAL TREATMENT TO CONCORDE PASSENGERS ONCE SCHEDULED SERVICES BY CONCORDE ARE INTRODUCED. WE BELIEVE THIS IS A SUBJECT WHICH SHOULD BE EXPLORED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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FURTHER DETAIL WHEN DISCUSSIONS HELD ON USER CHARGES.

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